

Drama News and Reviews

'Deported' Shows Gangsters Can Be Redeemed by Love

By Jay Cormody

It cannot be the authentic Italian background that has given such realism to the memorable post-war movies from Italy. The same landscape serves the cameras which shot "Deported," the new melodrama at Keith's, and for all the heightened dramatic values of the film, it might just as well have been made in Hollywood with artificial sets.

Even with a cast headed by such realistic looking humans as Marta Toren and Jeff Chandler, "Deported" is a hollow imitation of those exciting recent tales of life laid in Rome, Naples, Sicily, Genoa and other Italian cities. The fault for this is not the performers but belongs rather to Writers Lionel Shapiro and Robert Buckner. What they have tried to do is blend a romantic fairy tale and a gangster melodrama, retaining the best features of both.

What they retained is something else. "Deported" belongs to that school of screen fiction which might be called mug-meets-lady. The mug, a handsome one you may be sure, is played by Chandler and naturally the lady is Miss Toren.

He is an Italian born youngster who grew up in this country during the racket area. As the picture opens, he is debarking in Italy under the auspices of the United States Government which took a dislike to him when he snatched \$100,000 in some kind of gangster deal.

The Italian government is not happy to have the handsome fellow home again, but it has no choice in the matter. All it asks is that the unwanted prodigal return to his native mountain town and remain there on probation until further plans can be made for him.

Here the story reaches for something that might have been dramatic had its reach been longer. In his mountain village, the visitor falls under the regenerative influence of two forces. One of these is the town's warm, unquestioning welcome to him. The other is the reception accorded him by the beautiful widowed Contessa, the lovely lady Contessa. She is commended to make even Al Capone think of turning over a new leaf and Chandler, a younger and more vulnerable racketeer, is captivated instantly.

The question is, can the impulses the Contessa awakens in him overcome the invitation of the Italian food situation to get into a black marketing set up which promises real riches?

Anyone who knows Hollywood's faith in the power of beautiful women need not wait for the end of "Deported" to find that out.

Robert Siodmak has undertaken to direct "Deported" but he is never able to give it any intensity of conviction. He, Miss Toren and Chandler keep the narrative turning in this direction but at a pace that is dishearteningly slow in view of the inevitable ending.

In the course of its tempo as a romantic idyll, Siodmak has opportunity to introduce a few more comedy touches into "Deported" than such things usually allow for. One of these is a running gag in which an enticing girl named Marina Berti keeps making a monkey of the hero by luring him into the hands of his enemies. Heroes are not usually treated with this much of honesty, even for a gag, but it is amusing with Chandler as its victim.

Another comedy touch is provided in the presence of an Italian detective, a small man who uses his nose to ferret out crimes before they are committed. As sleuths



IN A MELODRAMA—Marta Toren plays the leading feminine role in "Deported," new screen attraction at Keith's.

Where and When

Current Screen Attractions and Time of Showing

New Gayety—"Born Yesterday," 8:30 p.m.
Arenas—"Pygmalion," 8:30 p.m.
Screen.

Ambassador—"Highway 301," 1:30, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:50 p.m.
Capitol—"Mrs. O'Malley and Mr. Malone," 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 and 10 p.m. Stage shows: 1:30, 3:45, 6:30 and 9:15.

Columbia—"American Guerrilla in the Philippines," 11 a.m., 1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:45 and 10 p.m.
Dupont—"Bitter Rice," 1:30, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30 and 9:40.

Keith's—"Deported," 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:40, 7:40 and 9:40 p.m.
Little—"The Baker's Wife," 12:15, 3:50, 5:45, 7:40 and 9:40 p.m.

Metropolitan—"The Fuller Brush Girl," 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:45 and 9:45 p.m.
National—"One Hour With You," 12:50, 3:50, 6:50 and 9:50 p.m.

Palace—"King Solomon's Mines," 11 a.m., 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35 and 9:45 p.m.
Pix—"Guadalcanal Diary," 3:35, 6:55 and 10 p.m.

Playhouse—"Trio," 10:55 a.m., 1:05, 3:15, 5:25, 7:40 and 9:55 p.m.
Plaza—"Paloma," 11:20 a.m., 1:25, 3:35, 5:40, 7:50 and 10 p.m.

Trans-Lux—"Macbeth," 11 a.m., 12:55, 2:50, 4:40, 6:20, 7:55 and 9:45 p.m.
Warner—"Highway 301," 11:15 a.m., 1:15, 3:15, 5:25, 7:35 and 9:50 p.m.

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